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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2004, for which the three-month shortened statutory period for reply was set to expire on January 4, 2005. A Petition and fee are included herewith for a two-month extension of time. Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any further extension of time and to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Response, or credit any overpayment Appl. No. 10/665,139 Amendment & Response to Office Action of October 4, 2004

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Amendments to the **Claims** are reflected in the **Listing of Claims**, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

Entry of the Amendments below and consideration of the Remarks that follow is respectfully requested.